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- REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number 09/955,600 September 19, 2001 Filing Date First Named Inventor Nobuhiko HAYASHI, et al. 2813 Group Art Unit Tuan H. Nguyen Name of Examiner 990852A

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RLS) under 37 C.F.R. '1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. '1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. '1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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- X Previously submitted: a.
 - X Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on: September 3, 2004 i. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - □ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on: _____
 - iii. Other_
- b. **Enclosed**

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i.	Amendment/Reply
ii.	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii.	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv.	Other:

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Miscellaneous

- □ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. □ Other
- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

Fees

X Check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.

i.	X	RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (e) - (\$790.00)
ii.		Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17) - (\$)
iii.		Other

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